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and of John R. Rice

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## T. Myron Webb's Revival Closes

This is written Wednesday and tonight Brother T. Myron Webb is with us for his last service. The pastor will carry the revival on through Thursday and Friday nights and Sunday.

We thank God for the great crowds who have heard Brother Webb and who have seen the beautiful pictures. The large screen, twenty-four feet wide and twenty feet high, has been covered night after night with some of the most beautiful pictures we have ever seen. Before the eyes of thousands have been thrown Scripture passage after Scripture passage, beautifully colored paintings and pictures illustrating the Bible messages. Brother Webb's use of the messages has made clear the plan of salvation to many and has emphasized the great truth that there is no salvation outside of Jesus Christ.

We have been particularly happy at the large crowds. On Sunday night they have overrun the big lot and far exceeded our seating capacity. We suppose several hundred sat in the cars and stood about on the grass. On other nights the attendance was good, even after the opening of the Pan-American Exposition.

We are happiest of all, of course, about the souls saved. Every night but one that an invitation was given there were conversions, sometimes six or eight public professions a night, and others were saved through personal work before and after the services. There have been several additions to the church. Six were baptized Monday evening and a good number await baptism.

Brother Webb has endeared himself to us and many will pray the blessings of God upon him as he goes back to his work at Enid, Oklahoma.

## Comments On Paper

"I am renewing my subscription to 'The Sword of the Lord.' Find inclosed fifty cents to pay for same. The Lord only knows what an inspiration this little paper has been to me. It is a week-end guest at my house. I never destroy one of my papers. I give them to those I think will read them."

"Mrs. V. T. C.  
Rockwall, Texas."

"We have enjoyed your paper for about half a year and have had much spiritual benefits and uplifts from it. It certainly has loads of good spiritual things to eat and digest and make use of."

"A. L.  
Wolcott, N. Y."

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## "He Forgave Me At 1:15 P. M. June 8, 1937"

Last Saturday the following remarkable letter was received which will rejoice the hearts of every reader of *The Sword of the Lord*.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"June 8, 1937  
Tompkinsville, Kentucky

"I have been praying to God to forgive me of my sins for two months. Today I read your sermon, 'And Sitting Down They Watched Him There.' After I read it I was broke to pieces. I said, 'Lord, I am a sinner. Lord, remember me. Amen,' and He forgave me. I was never so happy in all my life. I am sixteen years old. He forgave me at 1:15 P. M., June 8, 1937."

(Signed)

R — H —

There is a note of assurance, certainly and definiteness about that conversion which is delightful. The sermon printed in *The Sword of the Lord* on "And Sitting Down They Watched Him There" was preached at Englewood, Colorado, during the revival in the big First Baptist Tabernacle in May. In that sermon I discussed the attitude of various Christian people who sat down and watched Jesus die. 1. The innercircle Christians like the beloved John and Mary the mother of Jesus. 2. Backslidden Peter afar off. 3. Joseph the secret disciple. And then among the sinners present there were (1) the wicked Pharisees, unsaved, self-righteous church members, (2) Pilate who kept his job but lost his soul, (3) the brutal, gambling soldiers, typical of outbroken sinners indifferent to the gospel, (4) the mob, those who did not decide for themselves but who, influenced by others, cried, "Crucify him, crucify him!" (5) The centurion, convinced of Christ's deity, convicted, saying, "Truly this is the son of God" and yet not personally trusting Him, and last of all, the dying thief who said, "Lord, remember me" and was happily saved before he died. At the close of this sermon I printed a decision slip and

this dear sixteen year old lad in Tompkinsville, Kentucky, read the sermon, cried out to God like the dying thief, was instantly converted just as was that sinner, signed the decision slip and then wrote the touching letter saying, "He forgave me at 1:15 P. M., June 8, 1937."

Unsaved Reader, Do Likewise!

Dear sinner, will you not take courage from this incident and trust Jesus as your Saviour? "All have sinned," the Bible says.

## What Do You Do Saturday Night?

"It is time to seek the Lord" — Hosea 10:12

It is suggested that you lay out a list of preachers, evangelists, missionaries, tract distributors, etc., and make it a habit of your life to go apart, alone, and pray for these workers every Saturday night, that they may be used by God on the Lord's Day for His glory.

Somebody may be praying for you!

## Texas Baptists Have Great Evangelistic Conference

The first week in June, from Monday night through Friday noon, Baptist preachers from all over Texas, 1,500 of them, we are told, gathered in Fort Worth at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for an Evangelistic Conference. Most of these Baptist preachers are affiliated with the Texas Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. There are a good many independent, fundamental Baptist churches in Texas and a good many other small Baptist churches affiliated with the Baptist Missionary As-

sociation, but the greater part of Baptist preachers in Texas are affiliated with the Texas Baptist Convention. Texas is a Baptist state with more Baptists than Catholics or any Protestant group. Approximately one person in every six in Texas, men, women, children and babies, is a Baptist and is now or has been a member of a Baptist church. The Baptists have a "tail hold" on Texas with a "down hill pull" and must give an account to God if they fail to win multitudes and color the life of the whole state. As the largest and most influential group of Christians, they win more souls than any other group in Texas and ought to win more.

The Evangelistic Conference in Ft. Worth was in preparation for, and the beginning of a state-wide campaign of soul winning. An earnest effort is to be made to have special revival services in every Baptist church in the state before September 5th, and as far as possible, carry the Evangelistic Conference into every country Sunday School and foreign communities. Our Brother C. E. Matthews, pastor of the Travis Avenue Baptist Church in Fort Worth, is the state-wide chairman, promoting and leading in this evangelistic campaign. He is a fine, spiritually-minded, fundamentally-sound, premillennial soul winner who has promised to speak for us in the fall at the next session of the Dallas Bible School. Texas Baptist workers were fortunate in his leadership.

The finest reports come from the Evangelistic Conference in Fort Worth. I am told that Dr. R. C. Campbell, Corresponding Secretary, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. George W. Truett, great pastor of the First Baptist Church in Dallas and President of the Baptist World Alliance, and Evangelist Hyman Appleman, with others, brought remarkable Spirit-filled and powerful addresses. A preacher friend of mine who attended, reported that Dr. Truett was at the very peak of spiritual power and eloquence, and to those who have known Dr. Truett's ministry through these many years that means much. *The Baptist Standard* brings glowing reports of the many blessings of God upon the Evangelistic Conference. One hour a day was given to prayer, praise, confession, and there was constant emphasis, we are told, upon the need for Holy Spirit power.

The editor of *The Sword of the Lord* is in heartfelt sympathy with this evangelistic movement among Texas Baptists. We had planned and hoped to attend several of the services, and on Monday went to Fort Worth for that purpose, not understanding that the services did not begin until Monday night. Later, our own revival in Dallas, two funerals and other pressing matters kept us away, but we prayed for God's blessings upon the Conference and we have sincerely rejoiced at the glowing reports of its success.

Fundamentalist Baptists Should Rejoice and Coöperate in Such A Movement

The simultaneous revivals carried on by Baptist churches and pastors throughout the state of Texas, one district or section at

"Christ died for our sins," again the Bible says. Your sins were paid for on the cross. "Whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life," is the plain promise of God. When you put your trust in Jesus, He forgives all your sins. They are already paid for on the cross. It is that simple and easy. The dying thief got forgiveness and so did this sixteen year old boy at Tompkinsville, Kentucky, just as soon as they turned to Christ with all

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## Saved Without Works

Or, How Every Sinner Can Be Saved Just Like Abraham Was

God delights in His holy Word to hold up examples to us. All the events that happened to Moses and the children of Israel in going out of Egypt, their sojourning in Egypt and their entering into the promised land are mentioned repeatedly with warning for Christians, and we are told that "these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come" (I Cor. 10:11). We are taught to pray like Elijah — "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months." We are told, "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy which endure. You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" (James 5:10, 11). And the entire eleventh chapter of Hebrews tells us of the saints of God who

were mighty in faith and prayer. Then the twelfth chapter admonishes us, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, to "lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." In the Bible God gives us many examples which we are to follow.

Now in the matter of salvation, Abraham is held up as an example to the whole world. Let us remember how Abraham was saved and the way that God will save any sinner. There is this particular teaching in Romans 4:1-8 as follows:

"What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found?

"For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.

"For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

"Now to him that worketh is the

reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

"Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

"Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

"Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

Abraham's conversion is held up as an example to the Jews because he was the father of the Jews. Verse 1 calls attention to that: "What shall we say then that ABRAHAM OUR FATHER, as pertaining to the flesh hath found?" Then verse 9 to 12 below continue and tell us that Abraham got converted before he was set apart as a Jew by circumcision. His conversion is an example not to Jews only but also to the Gentiles. What happened to him was "that he might be the father of" (CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)



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their hearts, trusting Him for forgiveness.

Here is the decision slip which R— H— signed, besides the letter which he wrote.

"Rev. John R. Rice  
201 East Tenth St.  
Dallas, Texas

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I know that I am a sinner, but I believe that Jesus died to save sinners like me. Here and now I turn my heart to Jesus, trusting Him to forgive all my sins and save my soul. I will confess Him as my Saviour before men and try to live for Him day by day. I mail this to let you know.

"SIGNED

ADDRESS

Can you honestly and with all your heart do the thing indicated here, sign this decision slip and openly confess Christ as your Saviour? Do it today, dear sinner! Make sure of your salvation by complete surrender and whole-hearted dependence on the dear Saviour today!

### Readers, Help Get Out the Gospel Message In The Sword of the Lord

I was burdened about *The Sword of the Lord* last Saturday morning. Through God's mercy we were able to send a check for \$100.00 to the printer instead of the \$50.00 I expected to send. Yet there is still nearly \$300.00 due. I felt anxiety about the continual burden of carrying on this work besides my pastorate, besides revivals on the field much of the year, my radio ministry, etc. But for one lad like that, one sixteen year old lad happily saved to meet me in Glory, I would gladly go through all the

hardship necessary and rake and scrape for money to print *The Sword of the Lord*.

Don't you want to have a part in this work? I suggest that you send in subscriptions at once at fifty cents a year or three years for \$1.00. Renew your own subscription if it is due. Subscribe for unsaved loved ones, for backsliders, for preachers and Christian workers and for missionaries on the foreign field. Do you want to help us carry out the great commission to "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15)?

And many I know will join us in regular and definite prayer that God will give the editor wisdom in the messages printed in *The Sword of the Lord* and that they may make plain the plan of salvation, that they may hold up Christ, that they may help us settle the faith of Christians, may strengthen the ministry of God's preachers and encourage and comfort the sorrowing and tempted everywhere. Pray that many will be saved as was this sixteen year old boy at Tompkinsville, Kentucky. Pray, too, if you will, that God will help us to pay the heavy printing bill to His glory.

Praise the Lord for the privilege of getting out the gospel. We print *The Sword of the Lord* just like we preach over the radio and give out hundreds of thousands of tracts and booklets, "that I might by all means save some" (I Cor. 9:22).

### Do You Want Comfort?

Ernest Butler, Route 1, Box 51, Duffee, Mississippi, is a bedfast invalid. He has an incurable throat disease though he is only thirty years old. He has a wife and one child and the wife is not strong. Yet he writes a happy letter and says, "Am I despondent? No, I am not! It is God's will for me to be this way and God does all things well and has a reason for all things. God gives us a way out in Matthew 11:28-30."

This man has been bedfast five years and has found wonderful help from God. He wants to be a comfort to others and suggests that if readers of *The Sword of the Lord* are despondent and sick or discouraged and would like a personal letter from him, he would be glad to write provided they enclose postage. He says, "Brother

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## Young Christian Worker Needed in Austin, Texas

There is a widespread need for consecrated Christian workers.

From Austin, Texas, comes an appeal from our Brother Charles A. Henry, the pastor of an independent, premillennial Baptist church, there. Bro. Henry writes as follows:

"Austin, Texas  
Capitol Station  
June 3, 1937

"Rev. John R. Rice

Dallas, Texas.

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I have been taking your paper for two or three years and like it very much. I notice the fine success you are having in your meetings.

"I have wanted to have you in Austin for a meeting, but I do not have congregation large enough to invite you and give you the support you would need.

"We organized a Premillennial Baptist Church over a year ago, have not had a good revival yet; just closed a two week's meeting.

"Our church is located in a fast growing section of the city and it is the only church and Sunday School in a large section of territory.

"I am working for the State, and have little time to give to the church. I am in need of someone to look after the Sunday School and Young People's work. He would have to be a thorough Baptist, a premillennialist and not in sympathy with the convention.

"The main thing is for a thoroughly consecrated young man to work with us under the direction of the pastor and give all of his spare time to the work.

"We have very few members and they are all poor people, but there is an opportunity here for a great work to be built up. There is no other free Baptist Church in Austin. We could use a student in the University, but how to get one who is not controlled by the Board work is the trouble.

"If you know of any such young man who is available, will you kindly put him in touch with me and I can talk further with him?

"Will you join us in prayer that the Lord will send a man for the place?

"If we can get hold of a thoroughly consecrated young man, or a couple who want to take work in the University, and give all the time they can to our church, it will be a splendid opportunity to do service for the Lord.

"Will you please give notice of this appeal in your paper?

"I hope to be able to be in Dallas sometime this summer and have the privilege of visiting your church and hearing you preach.

"Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed) "Charles A. Henry"

Any young man who is interested in the work Brother Henry mentions, will write him, and let us all pray that God will send the right man, one willing to sacrifice, willing to work under orders and directions; one whose heart is on fire to win souls and one who will really study his Bible. May God bless you, our Brother, and supply your needs.

We thank Brother Henry for his kind words and trust the dear Lord will open the way for a revival sometime in Austin.

"I delight in the little paper and pass the sermons on to others, sometimes making them into little booklets if the printing is not on both sides of sheet, enclosing them in letters, etc. They cannot help but be a blessing to all who read them."

"Mrs. L. G. H—"  
El Paso, Texas

"I learn a lot of the Bible from Brother Rice's sermons. I read and cry and then I learn what Jesus wants us to do. I learn more from *The Sword* than anything else."

"A. F—"  
Johnson City, N. Y.

## Texas Baptists Have Great Conference

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a time, depending upon climatic and crop conditions, should result in thousands of conversions. Most of these Baptist preachers who gathered at Fort Worth, if not all of them, believe in a definite change of heart, the new birth. They believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement and salvation by faith. I feel sure that most of them believe in a real Hell and a real Heaven. There is some modernism among Texas Baptists, particularly in some schools and some city pastorates, but modernism is on the run and fundamentalism is gaining. Certainly in that Evangelistic Conference Texas Baptist preachers were making a real effort to prepare for revivals, to get things out of the way and get hearts warmed for such services. I do not know of any way that my cooperation would be especially needed but I believe that Fundamental Baptist churches and pastors ought honestly and happily to rejoice in such a soul winning movement and to lend it whatever aid and cooperation is possible. That is the kind of cooperation I believe in most, that is, cooperation in soul winning. I hope that independent Fundamental Baptist churches and all other Christians who sincerely want a revival, will rejoice in this great effort Texas Baptists are putting forth to win souls and will earnestly and regularly pray that the Lord will be greatly honored in the salvation of multitudes throughout this great state.

In many matters I cannot agree with my Texas Baptist preacher brethren who affiliate with the State or Southern Baptist Conven-

tions. Many of them are postmillennial while I believe in the premillennial coming of Christ. They support a denominational program, much of which I could not conscientiously support. The ties with the Northern Baptist Convention and the Baptist World Alliance, in my judgment, are very hurtful and compromising. A good many Baptist schools, I suppose, have teachers who believe and teach theistic evolution. I would not be willing to have Southern Baptist Sunday School literature taught in our Sunday School, partly because it has been sometimes modernistic, but more, because it is so far below the Word of God itself. I say I cannot agree with our Texas Baptist brethren in everything. I do not believe that the Bible plan involves denominational headquarters and denominational program, and therefore I came out of the Texas Baptist Convention and I do not expect to return. At the same time I feel the warmest fellowship toward many of our brethren within the Convention who are fundamentally sound in the faith, who are real soul winners with the power of the Holy Spirit upon them and who live separated and Godly lives. There are many Fundamentalists within the Convention, and soul winning is fundamentalism of the finest kind. We congratulate our Texas Baptist brethren for their great soul winning work and earnestly pray the blessings of God upon them. We covet their prayers that we, too, may win many souls to Christ and be true to Him. If occasion arises where we can meet with our brethren to plan and pray for revivals, or if we can do more than that, we shall certainly be glad to do so.

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all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also." So Abraham's conversion is the model conversion. If he worked for his, we must work for ours. If he had to shout, then we must shout, too. If Abraham's salvation was bound up in some ordinance or ceremony, then so must our salvation be. If Abraham's sal-

vation was a simple matter of faith in the heart, then every other sinner may be saved the same way! This Scripture makes Abraham an example of the way to be saved.

### A Supposition—If Abraham Were Saved by Works

There are only two plans of salvation really. Analyze every religion in the world, true and false, and you will find the salvation offered is under one of these two plans. People are either saved by their own works, the good things they do, or they are saved by faith in the good things that Christ has done for us. One must depend either on human goodness, works and ceremonies, or trust in God to give freely what the sinner cannot earn. Those are the only two plans of salvation that have ever been invented. They are Cain's way and Abel's way. They are illustrated in Luke eighteen by the Pharisee's boast of his good works and the publican's cry, "God be merciful to me a sinner!" Which plan are you trying to use to get to Heaven? Now we must confess that a big part of the world has taken the human route to salvation. Most people believe that you can only be saved by being good or by being baptized or by joining a church or by "doing the best you can" or by "keeping the Ten Commandments" or the Golden Rule or something of the kind. Children are taught, "If you will be good, God will love you and take you to Heaven when you die." Catholicism teaches millions that there is no salvation outside the church and its ordinances. So-called "Church of Christ" people say almost the same thing and make baptism essential to salvation. Masonic lodges and most

other lodges teach no salvation except by virtue and character and good deeds. We must admit that most people like the idea of paying their own way to Heaven and getting there on the basis of good deeds.

Therefore let us suppose that Abraham were justified (or counted just) by good works. Verse two here says, "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God."

Consider for a moment, if Abraham saved himself by his good works then he has plenty to brag about. Through the endless ages of eternity Abraham could go about Heaven telling how he got himself there by his good deeds. But notice that if Abraham got saved that way he would have something to brag about, but he would not be boasting in the Lord. If Abraham saved himself by his good works he could not brag on Jesus Christ! He could not glory in the cross! He could never sing,

There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,

Lose all their guilty stains.  
Abraham would never take any joy in such a hymn as this,  
What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

That would be entirely out of place, for if Abraham were justified by work then he could not glory before God or toward God, he could not praise God for his salvation.

Any person saved by works could never sing,  
Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin has left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.  
Before you decide for salvation by works and good deeds, remem-

ber that the Scripture plainly says, "If Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; BUT NOT BEFORE GOD!" It would be utterly foolish to brag on God, to glory in the cross, to sing songs about the blood if a man is saved or justified by his good works.

Remember there are only two plans of salvation advocated in this world. Only one of them is true, of course. Only one of them can really save a sinner, but two plans have been advocated. Either men are saved by simply trusting God to give salvation free or they are saved by works. And if men are saved by works they must never glory toward God.

BUT! Abraham was NOT justified by works. The next verse, Romans 4:3, says,

"For what saith the Scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."

There are two plans of salvation but only one of them is taught in the Scripture. If all the people who believe in being saved by good works would turn and ask the question as this verse does, "For what saith the Scripture?" they would find the matter settled. Human pride says, "Saved by works." Ecclesiastical authorities may say, "Saved by the church, by baptism, by the Lord's Supper, by the prayers of the saints." Rebellious and proud hearts who do not want to please God may say, "Saved by my own merit and by character." All these are the human plan of salvation, Cain's way, the Pharisee's way, that is, salvation by human works. But when you turn to the Scriptures then we learn how Abraham was saved. "For what saith the Scriptures? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." When Abraham put his trust in God, depended on God to save him from sin, then his faith was counted unto him for righteousness. Abraham was not saved by his good deeds. He was saved because he trusted in God. To make it even more clear Jesus said, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad" (John 8:56). When Abraham offered a lamb for a sacrifice he believed that God would send His Son, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. When Abraham and Isaac were going up on Mount Moriah where he thought to offer his son on the altar, he said to the boy, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering" (Gen. 22:8). He knew some way that God would provide His own Lamb and this Lamb of God would purchase salvation for sinners. Abraham put his confidence in God, trusted in the Saviour that God would provide, and doing that, he was saved. His faith was counted for righteousness!

### Salvation — Wages or Gift?

The next verse, Romans 4:4, brings up the question of whether one earns salvation or receives it as a free gift. "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt."

Suppose a contractor hires a laborer. They agree the laborer is to work eight hours for three dollars. At the close of the day, the laborer expectantly waits. He is not self-conscious, he is not embarrassed. He has earned his money. The employer pays him three dollars, his wages earned by honest toil. The employer deserves no credit, no praise. He is only paying money for value received. The three dollars are wages. "To him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace but of debt." The workman is under no obligation to the employer on account of the three dollars. He has already earned the wages.

But just as the contractor pays the laborer three dollars, a poor tramp comes on the scene. He is haggard, hungry and ragged. He is ill. He has had nothing to eat all day, he says. He tells how far he has walked without food, and with none to help. He has been turned down everywhere. The contractor's heart is touched and reaches into his pocket, pulls out three dollars and hands them to the beggar. The beggar thanks him profusely. He is under profound obligation. That gift to the beggar was prompted

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## "I Must Help The Jews!"

"Everything I have seems going or gone — yet 'I Must Help the Jews.' Thus wrote a child of God whose soul had been stirred to its depths because of the tragic condition of the Jews throughout the world.

"I Must Help the Jews!" Dear child of God, they are still God's people, beloved for the father's sake; and because you have been born again, you love what He loves; and you know that He still loves Israel with an everlasting love.

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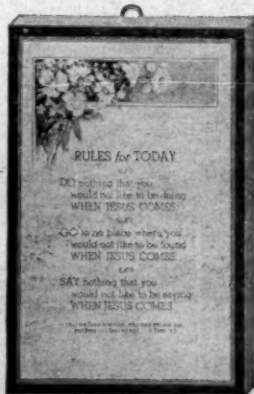
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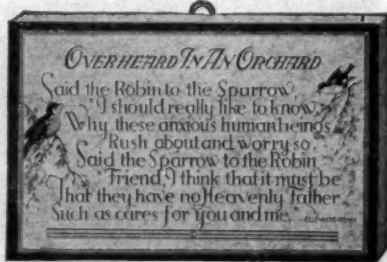
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## SAVED WITHOUT WORKS

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wholly by grace. Here again are the two plans of salvation. Either a man gets to heaven as a well earned reward of his life, or he gets there by the unmerited grace and favor of a loving God. If he is

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to get there by his own good deeds, then he need not praise God or Christ. He has no need for a crucified Savior, no need for atoning blood, no need for a high priest to make intercession. He has earned his own way and can boast through eternity of his own good deeds. But remember the IF! The truth is, no one is ever saved by his works!

Dear sinner, if you get to Heaven by your good deeds, then remember that would be a matter of your own virtue and not a matter of grace. This verse says that you cannot mix the two plans of salvation, the human plan and the divine plan. Either people are saved by their own works or they are saved by grace. Either they are saved by virtue of the atoning blood of Christ when they put their trust in Him, or they are saved by human merit, human schemes, human ceremonies and human virtues. No, God will not have them mixed. He does not help save sinners. Either He does all the saving or you must do it all. There is no room to talk about grace and mercy and the cross if men are saved by good deeds. But how foolish it seems when we begin to talk about men being

saved without any cross, without any atonement, without any mercy or grace, without any intervention by a loving and tender God! How foolish it is to talk about getting ourselves to Heaven! The entire preceding chapters, the third chapter of Romans, is written to prove the hopelessness of men saving themselves. That chapter teaches repeatedly that there is nothing good in man, either in his heart or in his life, and that salvation by human goodness is utterly impossible. Listen to these quotations from the third chapter of Romans:

"What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

"As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one:

"There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

"They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one."

— Verses 9, 10, 11, 12.

"For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God — Verses 22, 23.

We are even told that the Ten Commandments were given simply to stop the mouth of the boaster and let every person in the world stand condemned before God.

"Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God." — Verse 19.

The Ten Commandments were not written to get people saved. No person in the world ever kept the Ten Commandments save Jesus Christ only. The Ten Commandments were not meant as a plan of salvation. One who foolishly supposes that he can be saved by the Ten Commandments is trying to use them for something they were never intended to do. He is foolish, besides, in thinking that he keeps the Ten Commandments, for "there is none that doeth good, no, not one." The law was not written to save men, it was written as a perfect standard to show men that they could not save themselves, that they need a Saviour. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ" (Gal. 3:24). Then the conclusion of the third chapter of Romans is given in verse 28:

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."

And verse 20 says:

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

The Mosaic law covers every form of sin in the world and commands every kind of righteousness. It covers the whole ground of human works. When the Scripture speaks of "the deeds of the law" it means human righteousness of any kind or sort. And here we are told plainly that no one in the world ever was saved or kept saved by doing the good deeds mentioned in the law!

How hopeless, then, it is for a sinner to try to be saved by being good, by living up to the obligations of his lodge, or by providing for his family, giving to the poor, or being baptized or paying his honest debts or doing unto others as he would be done by! No! No! No! Man must have another kind of salvation if he is ever to be saved! Abraham had to find another way. Thank God, he did find it!

This question of wages or a gift is settled in Romans 6:23 where we are told that "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Wages? The only wages any man earns is the wages of sin, that is death, eternal death! You are a sinner, you deserve death. That is all you deserve. But the GIFT OF GOD is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. A gift is free and that is what you get when you trust in Christ.

Every person who goes to Hell

pays his own way, and makes his own Hell. He gets exactly what he deserves, the fruit of his own sin. But every person who goes to Heaven rides on a pass. He gets salvation as the free gift of God and accepts it in simple faith.

Oh! The Blessedness of the Man Who Trusts — The Man to Whom God Does Not Charge Sin

The next three verses, Romans 4:6-8 say:

"Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

"Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

"Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

Blessed is the special word in these three verses. Notice blessedness in verse 6, blessed in verse 7, and blessed in verse 8. In verse 6 the happiness, or good fortune, or blessedness of the man is that God imputes or charges up righteousness to him without works! God counts a man good who isn't good, puts good works to his credit when he has not done good works! What a blessedness! All the merits and virtues and good deeds of Christ are counted to me and my sins are all counted to Him. He took my record and place and gave me His record and His place! So God describes the blessedness of the man unto whom God imputes righteousness WITHOUT WORKS!

In the 7th verse, the Christian is said to be blessed, the one "whose iniquities are forgiven and whose sins are covered." If a man tries to do good works, he still has the sin question to deal with. What will he do with all the past, the man who seeks salvation by works? There is nothing he can do, nothing in the world to blot out the sins of the past. But thank God, one who trusts and has his faith counted for righteousness and is saved "without works," his iniquities are all forgiven and his sins are all covered. No wonder God says such a man is blessed!

In verse 8 we learn that this blessed man, to whom God imputes righteousness without works, this blessed man whose sins are all covered and his iniquities forgiven, is blessed even further. To the man who has trusted Christ for salvation, God will not even impute sin! One who depends upon Christ is already forgiven, and praise His dear name, every sin of the future will be charged to Christ's account and cannot be charged against one who has believed in Christ.

Here, then, is the reason why one who believes in Christ "shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life" (John 5:24). His sins will not be charged to his account. God is just and He must demand payment for sin. But when Jesus has paid for that sin, then God is still just, and He cannot demand payment twice. What Christ has paid, does not need to be paid again. God cannot charge up to one who has trusted Him a sin for which Christ has already died!

Sin never does pay, and it does not pay for a child of God. It brings heartache and trouble. It causes God to chasten His own children. But, praise the Lord, our sins are all laid on Jesus and as far as the eternal destiny of my soul is concerned, my sins cannot be charged against me!

No wonder that in Ephesians 2:8, 9 we are told: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast."

When I get to Heaven, I will through the millions of ages honor the dear Lord Jesus. It is only through Him that I could be saved. And you may be sure that not one person will walk the streets of Glory praising himself and rejoicing in a salvation earned by good works — not one! Christ Himself is the Door, the only Door. The blood is the only price that could be paid for sin. "Without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22), "But to him that WORKETH NOT but BELIEVETH on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Dear sinner, trust in Christ today and be saved. Depend upon Him. He is the only One who can save, and He is willing to do it the moment you trust Him.

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